

# St. Pius X Parish

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## Pastoral Staff

Fr. Massillamani Zacharias

(Fr. Mani), **Pastor**

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## Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

## Weekend Masses

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 9 am and 11 am

## Weekday Masses

Tuesday - Friday 8:30 am

## Rosary and Divine Mercy Prayer

9 am following Mass at 8:30 am

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

## Devotions to our Mother of

### Perpetual Help

9 am following Mass at 8:30 am Thursday

## Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every first Friday of the month at 9 am following 8:30 am Mass

## Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4 pm to 4:30 pm or by appointment

## Sacrament of Baptism

Register online at [www.saintpiusx.ca/baptism](http://www.saintpiusx.ca/baptism), or call or email the office for more information

## Sacrament of Marriage

1 year advance notice is required

Call or email the office for an appointment

## Parish Ministries/Committees/Organizations

- Altar Servers
- Lectors
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Ushers/Greeters
- Musicians
- Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation
- Collection Counters
- Finance Council
- Building Committee
- Volunteer Screening Committee
- Catholic Women's League

## Catholic School

St. Pius X Catholic School

71 Jane Street Tel: 416-393-5237

## Holy Communion for SHUT-INS and SICK

If you know of anyone who is sick and would like to have communion brought to them or would like the Sacrament of the Sick, or simply would like to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful, contact us

## New Parishioners: Welcome!

We invite you to join our Parish family by registering with the parish office at

[www.saintpiusx.ca](http://www.saintpiusx.ca) or by contacting the Office

### To Join



### To Donate



### To Volunteer



**PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PIUS X PARISH IN YOUR WILL**



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 10

5 pm Etzel & Sampson Family

### Sunday, January 11

9 am + Alfred Quesnelle

11 am Parishioners

### Tuesday, January 13

8:30 am + Anna Tran

### Wednesday, January 14

8:30 am + Jadwiga & Piotr Zaremba

### Thursday, January 15

8:30 am In Honour of the Holy Name of Jesus

### Friday, January 16

8:30 am + Marianne Scott



### Feast of The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7

Psalm: Ps 29.1-2, 3ac-4, 3b+9c-10

Second Reading: Acts 10.34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17



### Sponsoring the Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary lamp signifies the Real Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It burns for the greater glory of God.

Parishioners are invited to become monthly sponsors of the Sanctuary Lamp. Please contact the parish office if you wish to donate. Doing so becomes an opportunity for friends and families to pray at the Tabernacle, knowing the Lamp burns for their intentions.

**The Sanctuary Lamp burns in January for the intentions of: --**

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

*"This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."*

Today's feast marks a pivotal transition from the Old Law to the New. Prior to Jesus' baptism, John's mission was in full motion. With Jesus' baptism, the mission of the Old Testament prophets is fulfilled, and the New Law of grace begins.

Jesus presents himself for baptism not because He is a sinner, but to fulfill the word of God proclaimed by His prophets. He must be baptized to reveal that He is the Christ ("anointed one")—the Spirit-endowed Servant promised by Isaiah in today's First Reading. The baptisms that John performs prefigure Christian Baptism. John baptizes for repentance from sin. In accepting this baptism, Jesus unites himself with all sinners even though he is sinless.

As we reflect on Christ's baptism today, we are invited to consider our own. Baptism occurs only once in our lives and imprints on our souls an "indelible spiritual mark" (see Catechism of the Catholic Church #1272 and 1274). This mark configures us to Christ and signifies our permanent belonging to Him and His Church. It cannot be lost or removed, even by mortal sin.

However, while this character endures forever, the state of sanctifying grace within our souls can be lost through mortal sin. In such cases, the grace of baptism is restored through the Sacrament of Reconciliation in which our souls are once again cleansed and brought back into full communion with God. Marked as members of Christ's Body, we are continually disposed to receive sanctifying grace through the other sacraments, as long as we remain in a state of grace. Baptism accomplishes this disposition, enabling us to participate fully in the life of grace that flows from Christ.

In Baptism, all are anointed with the same Spirit, made beloved sons and daughters of God. Indeed, we are "Christians"—literally "anointed ones." We are the "sons of God" in today's Psalm—called to give glory to His name in His temple.

(Excerpts from: *My Catholic Life*; *Scott Hahn Reflections*; *Loyola Press*.)

## PARISH NEWS

### Weekly Prayer

On the second weekend of the month, we celebrate the wedding anniversaries of those who married in the month of January. Let us congratulate and pray for them:

*Heavenly Father! We thank You for this day as we celebrate wedding anniversaries. We thank You for journeying with them. Thank You for making them strong and keeping them close. May You continue to bless their house with much happiness. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

### 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Prayer

Almighty and Loving Father, we come to you on this 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our parish with grateful hearts. We thank you for allowing this parish to be home to so many over the years.

We give you thanks for our founding members both living and deceased. We thank you for all the priests, deacons, sisters, and faithful who have been part of this parish. Heavenly Father, we thank you for your faithfulness to us throughout these 75 years. As we gather to give thanks for God's blessings, we ask that you keep each of us and this parish united in the bond of your love.

From there, give to us the grace to bring the joy-filled Gospel of Christ to all people that they may come to believe in the Truth of Jesus Christ, His teachings and His Church, and thereby become His disciples. Through the intercession of Mary our Mother and our patron St. Pius X, we ask for your blessing on our parish and its members. We pray this through Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

### Save the Dates

1. St. Pius X Feast Day Mass – Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am
2. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Closing Mass – Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 11 am

**Note:** On these dates, there will be only one Mass. Additional event dates are forthcoming.

### 2026 Pilgrimage

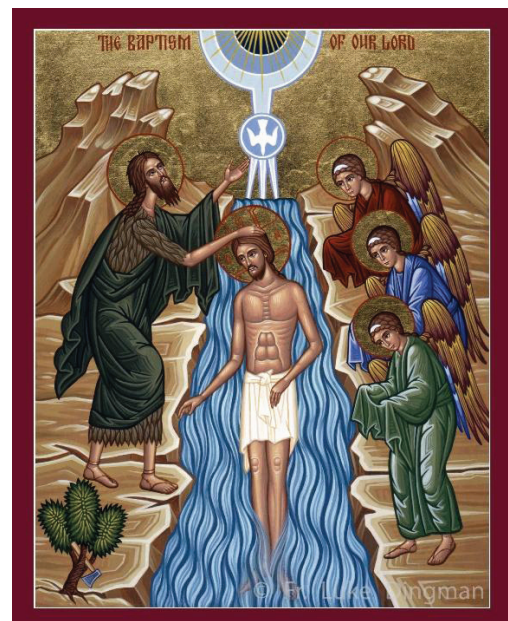
Fr. Mani will be leading a 14-day pilgrimage to the Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, Luxemburg, France, Switzerland and Italy. The tour will run from September 3 to 16, 2026. Beginning in Amsterdam, pilgrims will visit notable shrines and churches, as well as famous tourist sites, throughout Europe. After your flight, the trip will be entirely land-based except for a boat cruise on Amsterdam's canals. Please see details on the green sheet in the foyer or speak to Fr. Mani after Mass.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18-25, 2026, marks the annual celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU). Parishioners are invited to join Bishop John A. Boissonneau and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This service will be held on Sunday, January 18 at 4:00 pm at Runnymede United Church. All are welcome.

### Vocation Discernment Weekend

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary. The retreat will take place on Friday, February 27 until Sunday March 1. Registration must be done online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee). For more information, email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).





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